

## What is Capitalism?

Capitalism is our world; a system where money is exchanged for commodities in order to generate profit for business owners.

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In order for business owners to extract profit, sell their goods, and provide their services, they need to hire workers and pay their workers a wage.

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Wages by design cannot reflect the true value of the worker's labor, and can only be a small fraction compared to the profit extracted by the business owner.

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By dividing society into separate classes, workers and owners, rich and poor, capitalism depends on workers living in a state of permanent financial precarity so that owners can pay them the lowest wage possible and extract the greatest possible profit.

## What is Socialism?

A range of social and economic systems characterized by social ownership of the means of production.

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A society where at your job, in your community, and the country as a whole we use resources and our labor to meet the needs of all so no one is left to "pull themselves up by their own bootstraps."

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It is impossible to meaningfully reform policing until capitalism is replaced with a system which values human life over private property (socialism). As long as this exploitative dynamic continues, police will defend it.

## Who We Are

Central Jersey Socialists is an anti-capitalist organization.

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We believe that the international capitalist class and their electoral processes cannot represent the will or interests of the working class, and only serve to direct our energy away from the class struggle.

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We believe that capitalism cannot exist without *not only* exploiting all workers, but that it is also incapable of existing without actively oppressing minorities, black-indigenous-people of color, LGBTQIA+ people, incarcerated people, women and disabled people.

## Policing and Capitalism

Without the support of the state, the relationship between workers, and owners cannot be sustained.

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Policing is born out of the need for the state to enforce these relationships between owners and workers and maintain these relationships as the rule of law whether it is just or unjust. Police have had to enforce everything from slavery to Jim Crow segregation, Stop & Frisk and the prison industrial complex.

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Police brutality is a byproduct of the need to maintain fundamentally racist laws such as slavery and segregation, and the relationship between owners and the working class, who because they are subject to racist laws, are disproportionately Black, Indigenous, and Brown peoples.

**“We must realize that our future lies chiefly in our own hands.”**

**-Paul Robeson**



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